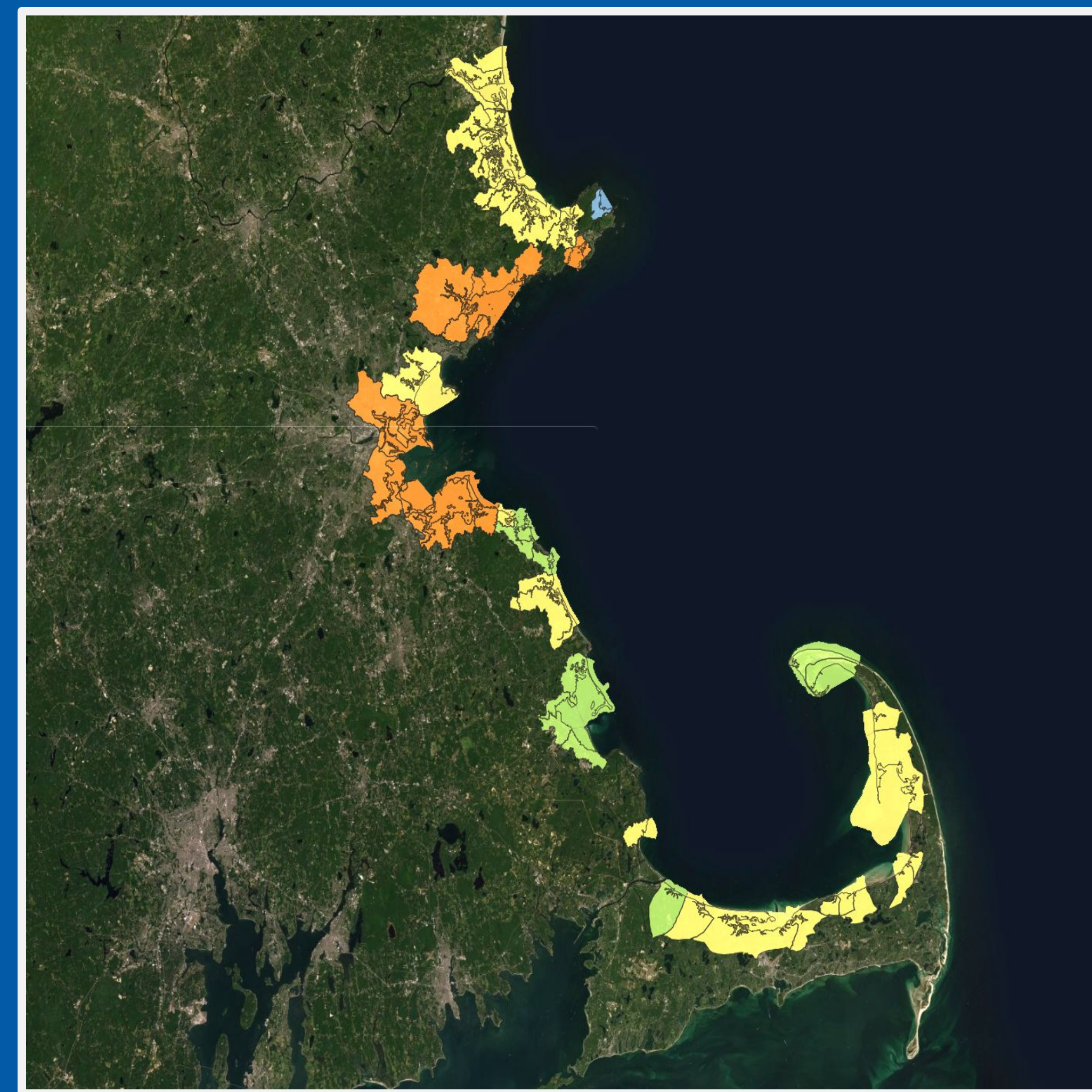


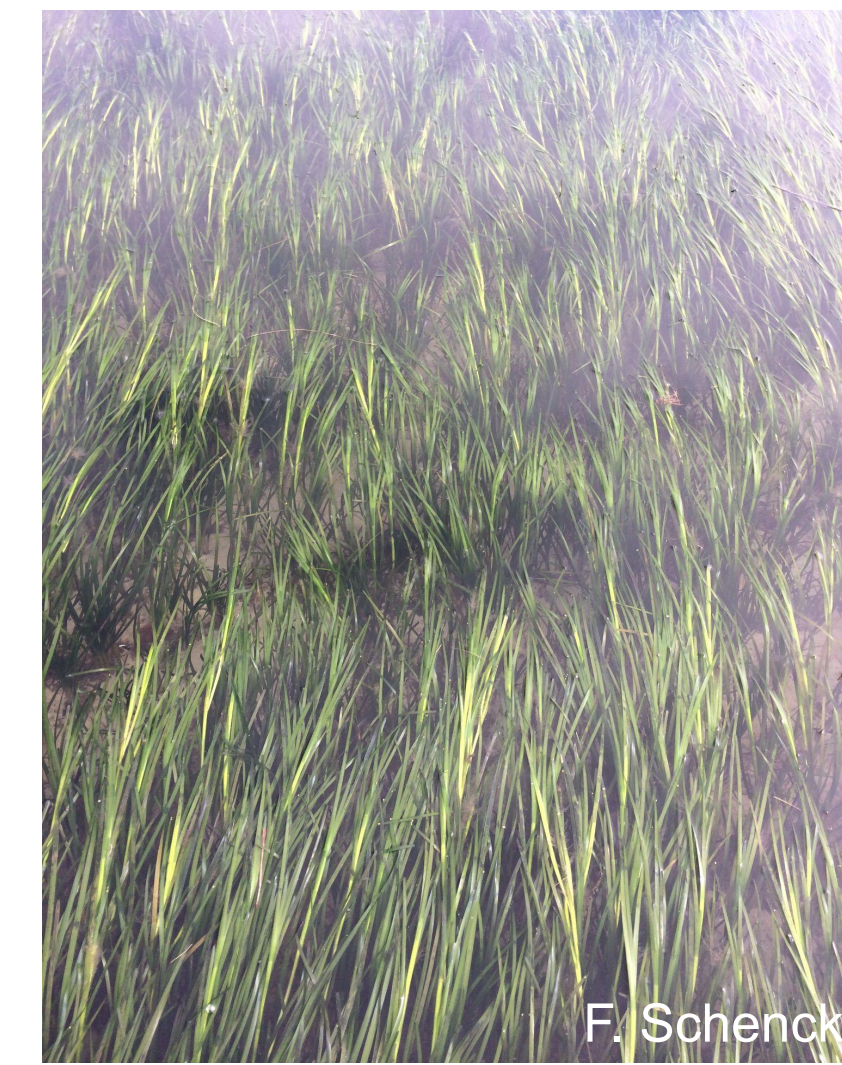
# Some of these estuaries *are* like the others! Comparison across locations helps with restoration and management



## What's considered a **resource**?

Seagrass beds, salt marshes, tidal flats, beaches & dunes...

These are habitats we want to preserve and restore!



F. Schenck



T. Hanley

## What's considered a **stressor**?

High nutrient/bacterial concentrations, wastewater & stormwater discharge, hardened shorelines...

These are challenges we want to address!



A. Gerberick

## Why it Matters

The results of this analysis facilitate:

- setting specific & attainable goals for restoration & management.
- identifying priorities for municipalities across MassBays.
- comparing and sharing best practices across regions.

## What are some key characteristics of MassBays estuaries?

We compared 15 resources and stressors to identify clusters of estuaries with similar characteristics.

### **GREEN**

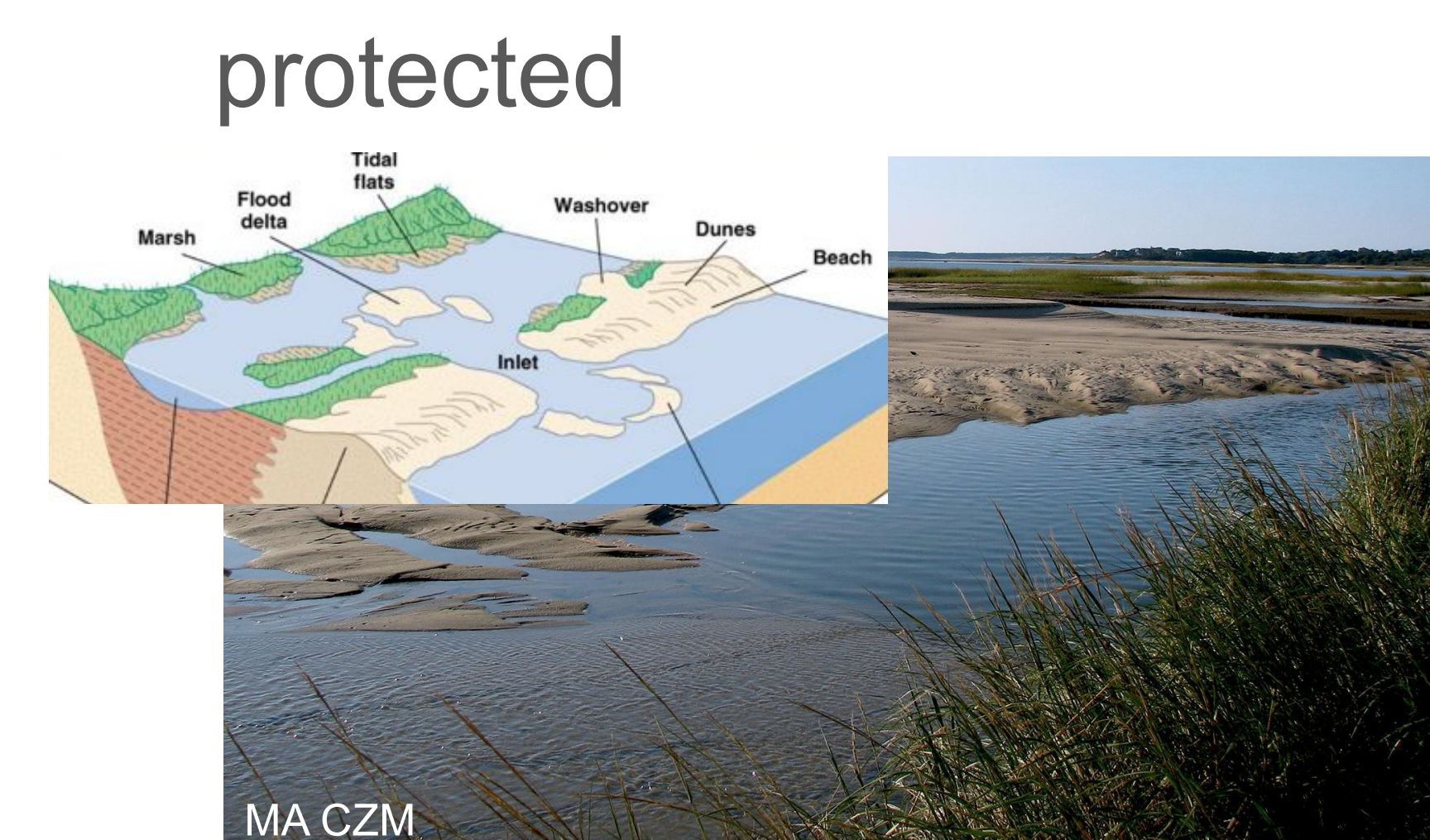
medium- to high-energy  
higher sediment availability  
exposed



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### **YELLOW**

low-energy  
higher sediment availability  
protected



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### **ORANGE**

low- to medium-energy  
lower sediment availability  
protected



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## What You Can Do

**Good News!** While there is no one quick fix, there are lots of opportunities and ways to preserve, improve, and restore our estuaries — check out the other posters for ways to get involved.

**Many hands make light work!**